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SUBJECT: SUNDRY COMMENTS ON ECHEVERRIA CANDIDACY FOR UN SECGEN.

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1. MEXICO CITY PRESS SEPTEMBER 9 QUOTES FONSEC EMILIO RABASA AS SAYING THAT "THERE IS A RECEPTIVE ATMOSPHERE" IN THE UN FOR ECHEVERRIA'S CANDIDACY FOR SECGEN. HE CLAIMED THAT "AS THE PRESIDENT HAS SAID AND I HAVE REPEATED, THERE HAS BEEN NO PROMOTION OF ANY OFFICIAL CANDIDACY ON MEXICO'S PART" AND THAT THE MOVEMENT IN FAVOR OF ECHEVERRIA "IS A SPONTANEOUS AND GENEROUS AFFAIR WHICH WE APPRECIATE VERY MUCH AND WHICH MAKES US FEEL VERY PROUD AS MEXICANS." COMMENTING ON ECHEVERRIA'S FORTHCOMING SPEECH AT THE UN (SOME PRESS REPORTS HAVE INDICATED THIS SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 7, BUT CONTACTS IN FONSEC AND PRESIDENCIA REPORT DATE NOT YET FIRM), RABASA SAID THAT IT WOULD BE AN OPPORTUNITY IN WHICH "VARIOUS COUNTRIES WILL BE ABLE TO SHOW OUR PRESIDENT THEIR APPROVAL OF HIS OCCUPYING THE HIGHEST POST OF THIS ORGANIZATION."

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2. OTHER REPORTS QUOTE MEXICAN AMBASSADOR TO THE US, JOSE JUAN DE OLLOQUI, WHO WAS IN SAN ANTONIO

FOR A MEXICAN TRADE FAIR, AS FOLLOWS: "I DO NOT THINK THAT THE UNITED STATES WOULD VETO THE CANDIDACY OF PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA FOR SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE U.N. IN THE EVENT THAT IT (THE CANDIDACY) IS PRESENTED. WHAT I DO BELIEVE IS THAT THE U.N. SECRETARY GENERAL FOR THE NEXT TERM SHOULD NECESSARILY BE A LEADER OF THE THIRD WORLD AND I FEEL THAT THE PRESIDENT OF MEXICO HAS A GREAT POSSIBILITY FOR OCCUPYING THIS POST BECAUSE A LARGE NUMBER OF AMBASSADORS HAVE EXPRESSED THEIR SYMPATHY FOR THE MEXICAN LEADER TO ME."

3. THE SAME REPORTS FROM SAN ANTONIO INDICATE THAT OAS SEC GEN ALEJNADRO ORFILA SAID HE WAS SURE THAT NONE OF THE GREAT POWERS WOULD VETO THE ECHEVERRIA CANDIDACY WHICH ALREADY HAS THE SYMPATHY OF THE MAJORITY OF NATIONS IN THE THIRD WORLD.

4. BULGARIA'S AMBASSADOR TO MEXICO, GULORGI BOGDANOV, SAID THAT "IF ECHEVERRIA WERE TO BECOME SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE UN, IT WOULD BE REFLECTED IN THE ANTI-IMPERIALIST STRUGGLE IN A POSITIVE WAY." BOGDANOV NOTED THAT HE WAS ONLY EXPRESSING HIS PERSONAL VIEWS AND NOT HIS GOVERNMENT'S POSITION BECAUSE THE GOB HAS NOT YET CONSIDERED THE MATTER. "HOWEVER," HE ADDED, "IF THEY ASKED ME FOR MY VOTE, I WOULD GIVE IT TO HIM, SINCE ECHEVERRIA'S POLICY AND REAL ATTITUDE IS (SIC) THAT OF A STATESMAN ON AN INTERNATIONAL SCALE."

5. COMMENT: DECLARATIONS TO THE CONTRARY NOTWITHSTANDING, THE GOM SEEMS TO BE ATTEMPTING TO BUILD UP THE MOMENTUM BEHIND ECHEVERRIA'S CANDIDACY IN AN EFFORT TO DISCOURAGE BOTH GREAT POWER OPPOSITION AND

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